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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: BICENTENNIAL EVERST EXPEDITION

1. MOUNTAIN TRAVEL HAS OBTAINED QUOTATION ON LOCAL FOODS
REQUIRED FOR ENTIRE SHERPA PARTY FOR DURATION OF EXPEDITION,
ESTIMATED AT 70 DAYS MAXIMUM. COMPLETE LIST, EXCEPT YAK
MEAT, POTATOES AND FRESH VEGETABLES, IS AS FOLLOWS:

2430 KILOS RICE
300 KILOS DAL
420 KILOS SUGAR
510 KILOS TSAMPA
300 KILOS FLOUR
24 GALLONS COOKING OIL
72 KILOS GHEE
30 KILOS SALT
40 KILOS SPICES

TOTAL COST INCLUDING AIR TRANSPORT TO MANCHE IS \$3600
WHICH MOUNTAIN TRAVEL CONSIDERS BELOW PREVIOUS ESTIMATES
AND QUITE RESONABLE. THIS ESTIMATE BASED ON 36 SHERPAS
PLUS EXPEDITION FOOD AT BASE CAMP TIMES 70 DAYS.

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2. LOW PRICE IS PREDICATED ON FACT THAT PASANG KAME CAN
OBTAIN FREE FLIGHT TO NAMCHE LEAVING KATHMANDU MAY 13 OR
15, BUT FOOD MUST BE PURCHASED NO LATER THAN COB MAY 12.
FISCHER WILL ADVANCE PERSONAL FUNDS IF EXPEDITION AGREES
TO PURCHASE. CHECK FOR \$3000 CAN BE DEPOSITED TO FISCHER
ACCOUNT AMERICAN SECURITY AND TRUST (STATE DEPARTMENT),
NUMBER 20 101 48 062. ADVISE SOONEST. EAVES

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